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- 3 a flight plate formed in a central portion of the disc;
4 a transition area joining the annular rim to the flight plate and presenting a sloped
5 surface between the annular rim and the flight plate;
6 a first gripping surface formed of irregular surfaces along the sloped surface of the
7 transition area on a top side of the disc; and
8 a second gripping surface formed of irregular surfaces along the sloped surface of the
9 transition area on an underside of the disc;
10 wherein the first and second gripping surfaces are positioned within the transition area
11 on the top side and underside, respectively, to provide frictional surfaces to a person
12 throwing the disc.
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Please add the following new claims:

- 1 17. The disc for being flown in the air as set forth in claim 1, wherein the flight
2 plate comprises a generally flat surface.

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- 1 18. The disc for being thrown in the air as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first
2 and second gripping surfaces are positioned along the sloped surface of the transition area on
3 the top side and underside, respectively, proximate the rim.

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19. The disc for being thrown in the air as set forth in claim 18, wherein the first and second gripping surfaces are positioned on the top side and underside, respectively, of the transition area to permit contact between the first and second gripping surfaces and all of the fingers of a thrower's hand. NM

20. The disc for being thrown in the air as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first and second gripping surfaces are opposed to each other along the top side and underside, respectively, of the transition area.

21. The disc for being thrown in the air as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first and second gripping surfaces comprise raised surfaces.

22. The disc for being thrown in the air as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first and second gripping surfaces form surface discontinuities on the top side and underside, respectively, of the transition area.

23. The disc for being thrown in the air as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first and second gripping surfaces have a texture.

24. The disc for being thrown in the air as set forth in claim 23, wherein the texture forms a pattern of raised surfaces on the top side and underside of the transition area.